

DISMAL TRADE PROSPECTS

THE OUTLOOK IN THE COAL FIELDS.

**MINERS TO RESIST A SUSPENSION OF WORK—THE
"MOLLY MAGUIRES" ORGANIZING.**
HAZLETON, Pa., Nov. 25.—The great mining and
transportation corporations representing the coal con-

ination, have determined upon a general suspension of operations at the collieries in the Schuylkill, Lehigh, Wyoming and Lackawanna regions. The suspension will be ordered about December 1. An army of between 75,000 and 100,000 will be thrown out of employment by the movement. The colliers, considering the scheme uncalled for, unwarranted and unjust upon the part of the companies, are preparing to begin counter movement, and it is confidently believed that serious trouble will ensue. The Miners and Laborers Benevolent Association, which was a large and powerful labor organization previous to 1870-71, and which became bankrupted in the long strikes of these years, is being organized again. Already lodges have

been formed in Minersville, Ashland, Shenandoah and other places in the middle coal fields. The Amalgamated Association of Miners and Laborers is also being strengthened. These bodies in conjunction with the Knights of Labor are stirring up a strong sentiment among all classes of colliery operatives.

From private sources it is learned that the 24,000 colliers employed in the Cumberland (Maryland) and Kanawha (West Virginia) Virginia bituminous districts have resolved to strike against the companies who propose announcing a reduction of 20 per cent after the new schedule is put into effect on or after the 1st of December. This movement has been pushed by emissaries sent by the Knights of Labor to those districts to sow the seeds of discord and dissension.

"Molly Maguireism" is cropping out. Colliery instances are known where mine works have fallen

beneath the incendiary's brand. "Black-leg" or non-union miners, or others, who have in any way incurred the animosity of the "Molly Maguires," receive "coffin notices," warning them to quit the county under the penalty of speedy and summary death.

The Knights of Labor and other organizations are silently but surely perfecting their plans for the projected vast labor demonstration, and so hostile have they become to the Government that it is that an undefined and grave feeling of insecurity prevails in those mining communities where the power of the dangerous class is strong and threatening. The communist propaganda has been spread abroad in that an analysis of the law in numerous cases. All the recent unspeakable murders that have occurred in the middle and northern coal fields, as well as in the bituminous coal fields, have been attributed to the communist. Late affairs are rapidly impressing the honest, reputable and law-abiding citizens with the apprehension that the coal regions of Pennsylvania are soon again to witness the renewal of the scenes that were enacted when "Molly Maguires" was rampant.

REDUCING WORKMEN'S WAGES.
FACTORIES AND MILLS RUNNING ON SHORT TIME
AND DISCHARGING MEN.
WOONSOCKET, Nov. 25.—The Harris Woolen Company's mill began running on three-quarter time yesterday. The North Bellingham and Caryville (Massachusetts) woollen mills will go on three-quarter time on December 1. Notices were posted yesterday at the Globe, Nourse and Social mills, the three largest cotton factories here, of a reduction in wages, to go into effect

TAUNTON, Mass., Nov. 25.—The weavers in the Whittington Mills went to work this morning on the promise of the managers that improvements would be made enabling them to do more work than before. Some of the younger hands became dissatisfied and started out again.

not be required after December 6, and it is expected that as many more will be similarly informed. It is possible that the entire reduction of force will amount to 600 or 700.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 25.—The Frankston Rolling Mill, which has been idle for four months, resumed operation.

The workmen in the puddling department of Shoenberger & Co.'s iron mill were informed last night that their work in their department will be temporarily suspended owing to the scarcity of orders. The nail department will be kept running all winter. It is expected that the new pipe mill recently bought by the same firm will start up to-morrow, giving employment to 600 men.

WILKESHAIRE, Nov. 25.—The Dickson Manufacturing Company posted a notice yesterday afternoon in all its departments informing the men of a 10 per cent reduction, to go into effect on December 1. The machinists will hear after receive 18 to 22 cents, and the laborers 14 to 16 cents.

HARRISONBURG, Va., Nov. 25.—The Shenandoah Iron

Worcester, Nov. 25.—The Saundersonville cotton mills, the Paul Whitton Manufacturing Company's mills at Rockdale and Riverdale, the Linwood mills, the Exchange cotton mills and the Whitinsville cotton mills, a

EASTON, Penn., Nov. 25.—It was announced in Bethlehem this morning that the puddle mill of the Bethlehem Iron Company, which has been idle since the early part of this summer, will resume on December 1.

Woolen Mills in this city will shut down for an indefinite period. This is said to be in accordance with an arrangement by all the woolen mills west of the Alleghenies, entered into by reason of over-production and the dulness in trade.

PHILADELPHIA, NOV. 28.—The striking *Wagner* carpenters held a meeting this afternoon at which fully 700 strikers were present, as were also representatives of the Knights of Labor. The arbitration committee, which had been appointed at a previous meeting to request the manufacturers to withdraw the notice of

reduction of wages, reported that several of the manufacturers declined to confer with them, and that little satisfaction could be obtained from any of them. The meeting thereupon decided to abolish the arbitration committee and to have no further communication with the manufacturers. It was agreed not to return to work unless the old rates were restored.

A DEFAULTING BANK CASHIER SHOT.
CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—A dispatch to *The Journal* from Monmouth, Ill., says: "This morning as B. T. O. Hubbard, the defaulting cashier of the First National

Bank, was leaving the courthouse, H. K. Thompson from Texas, who sustained heavy losses by reason of the bank's failure, stepped from an adjoining building and fired five shots at Hubbard from a revolver. One took effect. Thompson was arrested."

COAL MINING TO STOP TEN DAYS.

WILKESBARRE, Nov. 25.—*The Record* received private intelligence this evening to the effect that the combination has ordered a suspension of work for ten days, beginning on the afternoon of Monday.

operations in all the mines in the anthracite region. Thanksgiving day and for the first six days of December. The latter stoppage is in accordance with the combination's order of a month ago.

KILLED BY AN INJURED HUSBAND.

Kansas City, Nov. 25.—A dispatch to The

Times from Fort Smith, Ark., says: "News was received here yesterday of the killing of John Wood by Stephen Fletcher, both colored, at Round Mountain, in the Choctaw Nation. Wood eloped with Fletcher's wife. Fletcher pursued and overtook them and blew out Wood's brains. He then returned home with the woman.

A THIEVING POSTAL CLERK DETECTED.

DETROIT, Nov. 25.—Charles H. C. Rynel, of Adrian, son-in-law of Judge Comstock, of Kalamazoo, postal clerk on the Michigan Central, has been arrested for stealing from the mails. He was brought here and a \$2,000 bail was sent to jail. He had been sundered letters led to his arrest.

TRADES PARADE IN NEW-ORLEANS.
NEW-ORLEANS, Nov. 25.—The third annual parade of the Central Trades and Labor Assembly took place to-day. Several thousand men were in line and the

LOCAL OPTION IN VERMONT
MONTPELIER, Nov. 25.—The House to-day defeated the Local Option Liquor License bill by a vote